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EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

Our children are busy attending online classes. Parents are waiting to send them to schools; teachers are excited to meet them in the classrooms. Meanwhile the students are busy learning their regular subjects with the help of technology. Technology arouses curiosity in students. It also creates interest in them and helps them to interact with others. It provides many gadgets such as, cellphones, computers, laptops and projectors to make online classes possible. Technology also provides specific Apps like ZOOM Call, Google Meet and Teams to hold online classes.



When it comes to online learning, there is no geographical limitations. Anyone in any part of the world can join an online class. Students have greater possibilities now than ever before of collaborating and cooperating with their peer groups. Technology can connect them to people and sources of knowledge in any part of the world. So, technology plays a vital role in education and it has become an essential tool in imparting knowledge to students.

Students are naturally close to this modern technology. While they are well versed in the use of technology, they are also vulnerable in the presence of this technology. The danger comes from the fact that the internet contains all kinds of messages and images, opinions and views on anything and everything in the world, some of which may have a harmful impact on the young minds. They need to be informed, instructed, and trained well in handling these types of gadgets.

As Bill Gates states, *“Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important factor.”* It is true that, all teachers are challenged in this new era to adopt, access, learn, relearn, use and reuse, the technology. Parents too are not exempted from learning about the technology as they are their children’s first teachers. Parents and teachers are being challenged to compete with the students in using the technology. This pandemic has paved the way for both parents and teachers to get updated on the use of technology in education. It should be used well and its drawbacks eliminated so that students can benefit from them. It is inevitable that both parents and teachers should accompany students (children) and monitor them constantly while they are accessing these gadgets. Some Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) should be in place to ensure that students are properly guided in the use of technology.

Our Don Bosco Illam has formed a committee to frame the SOP to guide our staff and children who engage in online learning. Let us thank God for the gift of technology, especially during this pandemic time and use it for His glory. Stay blessed!

Fr. James Raj sdb
Assistant Director

Birthday blast of our Hero



The community of Don Bosco Anbu Illam is very much pleased and privileged to celebrate the birthdays of our children **Man-soor, Gowtham, Arun, Gokul, Farook, Kannadhasan, Mani-maran and Tamlarasan**. The birthdays of these little children were very solemnly and beautifully celebrated.

Just before the Breakfast, the whole community gathered in front of the statue of Mary Help of Christians and wished these birthday babies by singing the birthday songs. Rev. Fr. wished each child and shared few good qualities about them. The birthday babies cut the cakes and shared with the fathers and friends.

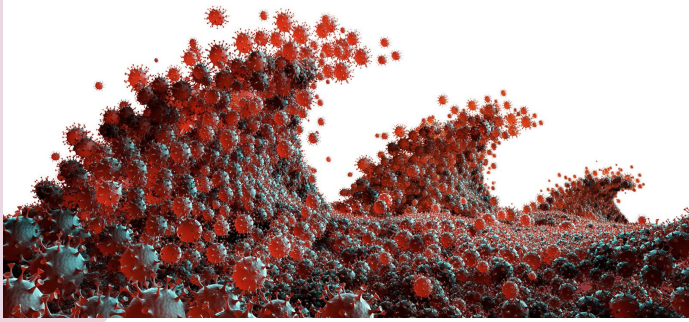
The heroes of the day also shared their joys with the community by sharing the sweets. At the end of the celebration the children come in order and wish the birthday babies 'A very happy birthday' This year a new initiative was taken, that the friends of the birthday babies were asked to share some good qualities of the birthday celebrants.

The birthdays are celebrated in our Bosco Illam to celebrate the gift of life for each child. It is also a fitting moment to appreciate and admire the beautiful gift of child to our home.



DBAI Response to Covid19 in 2021

Here's what a third Covid wave could look like



Terrifying second wave of the virus has brought the land to a standstill position, tremors struck the people's new normalcy and made them to revisit the horrible past. Unfortunately, the entire land was forced to face yet another lockdown. As the government announces shut in mobility of operation, people started to wander for lives and in this situation Don Bosco Anbu Illam kicked off its relief work in partnership with services minded organizations.

Don Bosco Anbu Illam – member of District Task Force

Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Executive Director participated in the high-level discussion chaired by the honorable Chief Minister Dr. M. K Stalin at the Tamil Nadu State Secretariat on 19th May 2021. The meeting dealt the ongoing pandemic situation and roles of NGOs in safeguarding welfare of people. Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society pointed to ensure safety and security of children and protect their best interest during the lock down.



“With bread all sorrows are less”

The character Sancho Panza in Don Quixote

Truly to the statement, Don Bosco Anbu Illam in support with **Cake Square**, Guindy has distributed

around **885 packets** of bread to the hunger and needy between 15th and 21st May 2021. We thank the sponsors for their valuable support in meeting the utmost need of needy.



Support of ZOHO

“If you want to eliminate hunger, everybody has to be involved.” Bo-no

ZOHO Corporate Pvt. Ltd,

Guduvancherry came forward to supply 1500

ready to eat food packets every day between 10th May - 7th June 2021. On behalf of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Mr. Moorthy Bosco and Mr. Munnha were involved in daily procuring and distributing the food packets to homeless and destitute living on the pavements etc.. At this juncture we thank ZOHO for choosing us in serving the hunger.



Dry ration kits

On behalf of Don Bosco Anbu Illam we have distributed 2080 dry ration kits to the families of our beneficiaries. Our distributors met each family individually and handed over the relief products. With the greatest support of funding

partners and corporate we reached who have lost their livelihood due to pandemic and some of them are Covid affected.



Fed stray animals & birds

“The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated”. - Mahatma Gandhi
Don Bosco Anbu Illam doesn't stop its service just with people but also to the animals especially those left uncared. A team of committed staff members along with volunteers were involved in feeding stray animals in various locations of Chennai. This noble service has earned high value and brought laurel to the institution. Hunger is equal to all, be it a human or an animal.



People appreciate and never forget that helping hand especially when times are tough - Catherine Pulsifer



Validating the words of Catherine , The Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society takes a moment to express its hearty gratitude towards **Don Bosco Surabi** for the timeless help rendered to our beneficiaries. We thank you for providing compact dry ration kits to our intervention areas. It was a timely support that brought glow and hope for survival. A total of **100 dry ration kits** were distributed to Boja Rajan Nagar, Annai Sathya Nagar and Otteri.



We also recall the sponsor made by **Indigo Airlines.**



A total of **2000 packs** of eateries and juice were received and distributed to

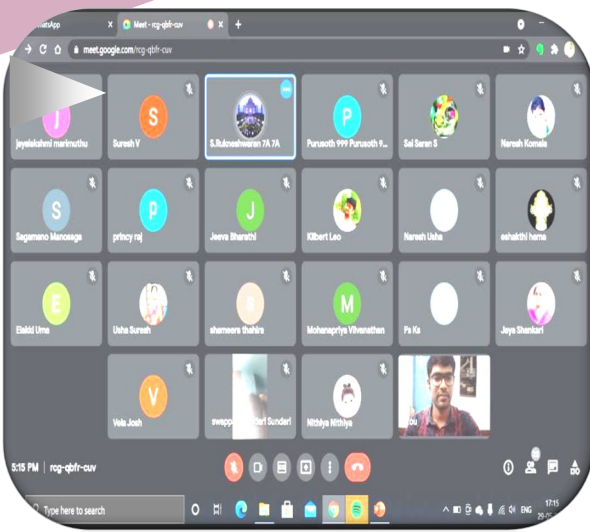
our children beneficiaries at various intervention areas. It was a pleasant and satisfying moment to see our cute buds cherishing cute bags of crunch and cookies.

Awareness programs

On behalf of the management, intense measures are exercised in order to spread the importance of Covid prevention mechanisms. Women Self Help Groups are equipped to watch over their respective community and share knowledge then and there. An awareness pamphlet that contains virus prevention guidelines were distributed to the people at their door steps.



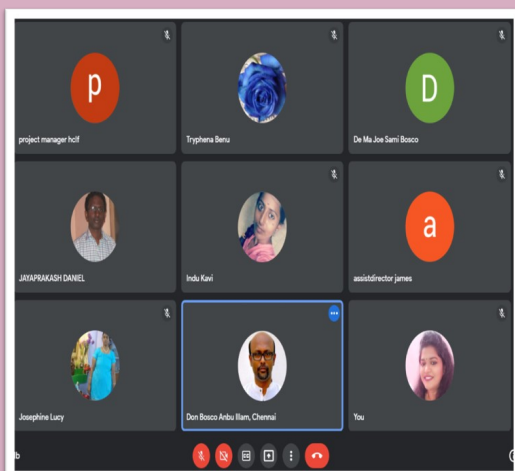
Making gadgets meaningful



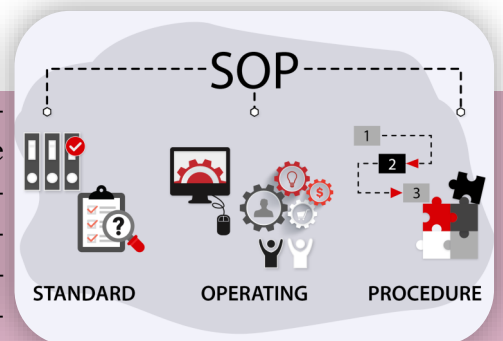
In order to engage children during lockdown, a team of designated staff working irrespective of projects in conducting interesting online programs such as quiz competition, art contests, life skill sessions etc. our children participate in large numbers and make their time effective.



SOP Compilation and Release



In view of raising issues concerning online education, the management decided to formulate policy combined rules and regulations for its online activities.



In context to this, a team of staff representing various strata of DBAI, children representative from Saranalayam along with a field expert participated in the preliminary discussion on 9th June 2021. Insights from different angles poured out. This then followed by literature building and fine tuning of the SOP.

On the 24th June 2021, DBAI published its own Standard Operating Procedure.

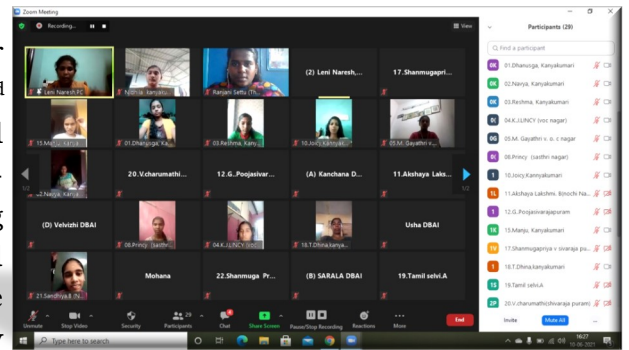
Effects of Lockdown



Webinar on the effect of lockdown among women flock was organized by Niraivagam on 12th June 2021. A total of 55 women representing different self-help groups participated in this program. Dr. J. Vasantha Kumari, Mentor and Managing Trustee of INCAD Foundation animated the audience on the ill effects of lockdown idleness, miscommunication among family members, relationship failure and parenting skills. She then also highlighted the importance being open to others' views and suggestions. She taught about family values.

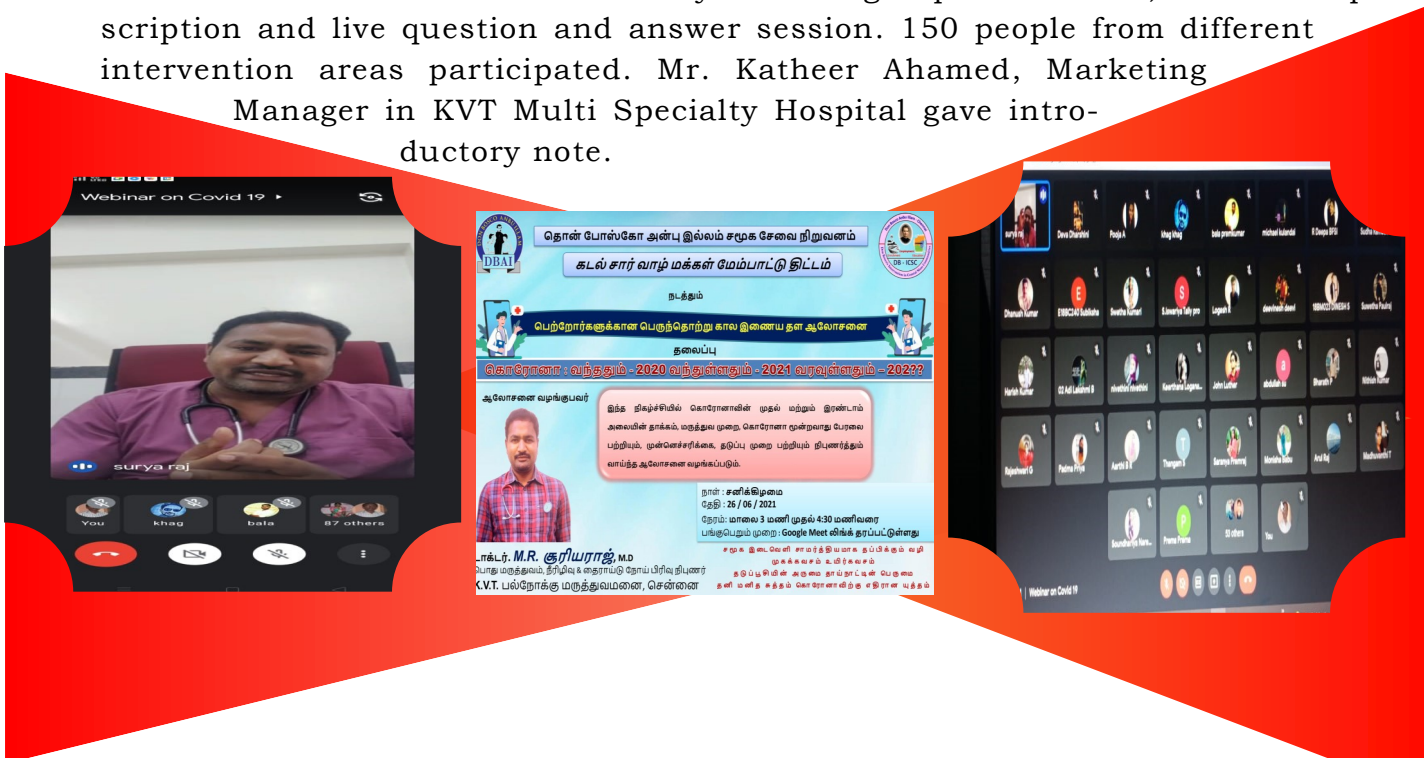
GOAL Program – 2021

A 17 days intense program on Life Skills for adolescents' girls was organized between 2nd and 21st June 2021. A team of life skill teachers from Thozhamai Foundation animated our children. 20 girls representing each slum intervention participated and successfully completed the course. The course module is designed in such a way that incorporated social, moral, physical, psychological and emotional well-being. Animators taught about personal hygiene, causes and precaution of HIV Aids, team work, conflict management, peer pressure and sex education.



Online Medical Consultation

In order to bring about awareness among young mothers and youngsters on 26th June 2021 we organized online consultation on Covid19. Dr. Suriyaraj from KVT Multi Specialty Hospital, Errukkencherry consented to share knowledge. The consultation lasted for two hours by including experience talk, treatment prescription and live question and answer session. 150 people from different intervention areas participated. Mr. Katheer Ahamed, Marketing Manager in KVT Multi Specialty Hospital gave introductory note.



Festivity of Restoration between 19th and 30th June 2021

'Ecosystem Restoration' Environment Festival, 10 days' event was organized by HCL Foundation in partnership with Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai for the Police Boys & Girls Club beneficiaries. This Environment Festival was



planned to inculcate the importance of restoring our ecosystem and the habit of up cycling the available resource for a sustainable future. Children need to learn how to protect their environment, be kind to each other, and make decisions that benefit the world as a whole. It is very important to spread awareness about environmental issues like deforestation, increasing global warming, wastage and losses of food, pollution. This Environment Festival stimulated every individual to think

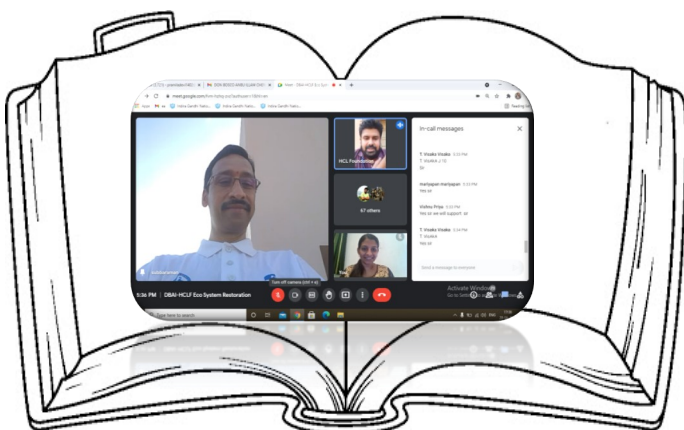
about newer ways to reduce the consumption of natural resources, develop greener models, and become sustainable. Through these competitions and informative sessions, healthy environment habits are inculcated in the young minds.

The Police Boys and Girls Club beneficiaries have pledged to plant nearly 20,000 saplings within this year. Sessions with seniors leaders and stakeholders have inspired children to live in harmony with nature, and for them to become valiant protectors of a green future.

The Environment Festival has relatively increased the questioning, investigating, defining problems, analyzing, interpreting, reasoning, developing conclusions, and problem-solving skills of the children. The models/artwork created by the children proves that this Environment Festival was an engaging platform for gaining and applying knowledge and skills in science, technology, and the environment.

Readers' Program in June 2021

Don Bosco Anbu Illam – HCL Foundation organized a 19 days Readers Program through virtual. This event was conducted all weekdays except weekends.



Through this session, we were given various knowledge about Environment, Agriculture, Indian culture & Tradition, State & Central Government Organizational Structure, Indian Currency, and Architectural Wonders of India are taught by the students. Throughout this session, Children are actively participated and enjoyed. In this session, we introduce the new concept of "Talentina" event in this session was carried out by ten days once, through this session stu-

dents are exploring their talents and creative.

Certificate of Appreciation

Great Pandemic 2020 has taught us many life lessons. It has impacted the lives of rich and poor at a time. Saddest part of all these is, people started not to believe their own hands. As the result of demolishing nature, the human kind has witnessed this devastating disaster. Although new invention started stepping in to medical world, still the unseen enemy is not defeated completely. This threatening

virus has proved that it's very brilliant than human knowledge. Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) had urgently called Social Welfare and Volunteering Originations in order to discuss about the situation. This meeting also included Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society. In the meeting, it was decided that Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society shall partnership with Greater Chennai Corporation in promoting national interest, safeguarding lives of people, breaking the infection chain Covid19 Community Intervention Program (CIP) was aimed to share knowledge on



the global pandemic, identify and track patients, provide medical support at their door step, continuous sensitization program, coordinate medical camps, distribute herbal drink, tablets, face masks, gloves, and visibility creation. This program has served around 30,000 women, 25,000 children, 27,000 men, 18,000 youngsters.

This unconditional and daring program has brought laurel to the organization (DBAI) and also served to build a strong network with government bodies. The Greater Chennai Corporation has awarded *Certificate of Appreciation* for our support in addressing the health emergency.

SUCCESS STORY OF MASTER RAKESH

The child Rakesh mahata age 16 from west bengal was rescued by Railway child line and produced in CWC north zone on 29.04.2021. The boy was sent to Don



Bosco anbu illam for shelter. The boy was infected by covid 19 so he was admitted in government hospital after 10 days of treatment the boy recovered with good health. He was admitted back in bosco illam. The boy wanted to go back to his family. We found that his mother is at Karnataka and we came to know that his father Mohana rana and his Mother piyasi rana is not living together because his father use to steal for alcohol so he left his wife long back. Piyasi rana married mohana rana brother now she has two more children.

They are living together in Anjees farm, Karnataka. They are willing to take care of Rakesh Mahata and he also willing to live with his mother so with the help of CWC North zone we got a transfer order for the boy to Karnataka. Due to high covid cases in Karnataka we waited after the relaxation of lock down in Karnataka with the help of Mr.Vignesh we sent the boy to Karnataka and produced the boy in front of chikkabalapura cwc on 29.06.2021. He was handed over to his mother in front of CWC chikkabalapura. The boy was happy to go back with his mother.



We take immense pleasure in seeing the elevation of **Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo** as the National Joint Secretary of Don Bosco Young at Risk Forum (DB YaR) & National Director of Homelink Network. This is an acknowledgement for his committed service towards the upliftment of youngsters. He strives to accomplish the mission that St. John Bosco left behind to his sons. He shall continue to serve as the Executive Director too.

Luminously, we congratulate **Rev. Fr. James Raj** for being appointed as the Director of Chennai Homelink Network. He is passionate towards downtrodden and underprivileged social strata. He is a person with enthusiasm and tender kindness in nurturing the art of facilitating people. He shall continue to remain as the Assistant Director of the society.

M.K.B Nagar Salesian Community takes pride in welcoming **Rev. Br. Kulandai Yesu Arputham**, the new Administrator of Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society. He has a wide experience of being as the Director and Administrator at various Salesian Ministries. At this moment, we assure our support in strengthening his plans in Divine Intervention.



On behalf of the management we wholeheartedly thank and congratulate **Br. Arul Prasanth** who served with us as the Hostel Warden and **Br. Sasi Kumar**, the then mentor for their selfless contribution and support in building the future of inmates. We remember in joy the marks they left here over the period. We wish them all success and good tidings in days to come.

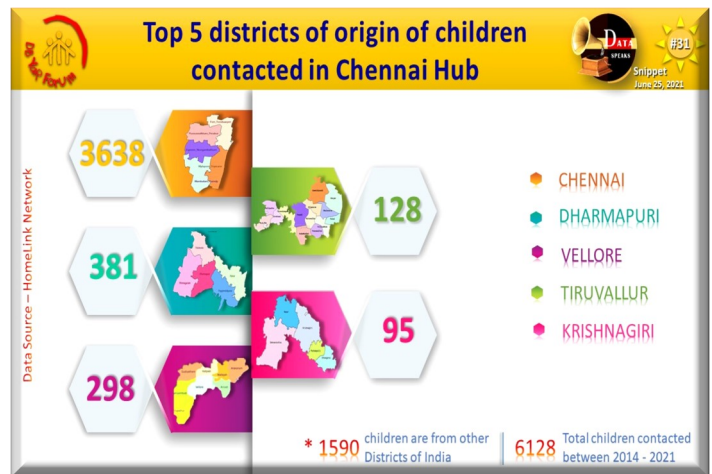
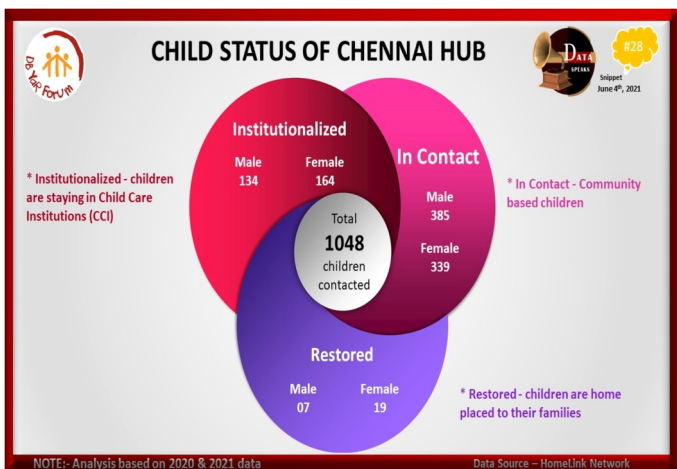
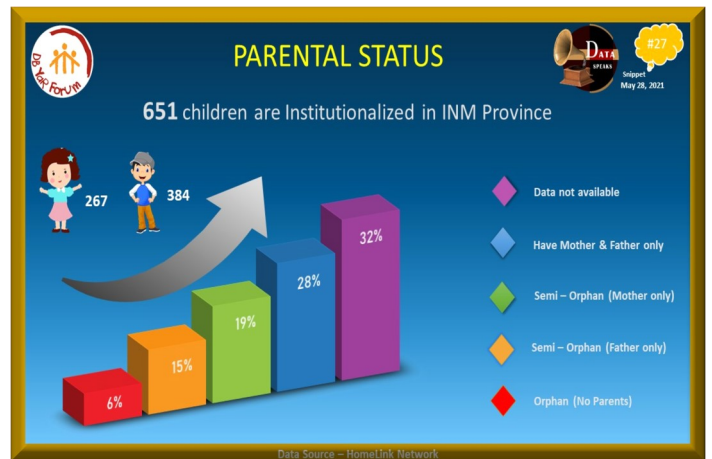
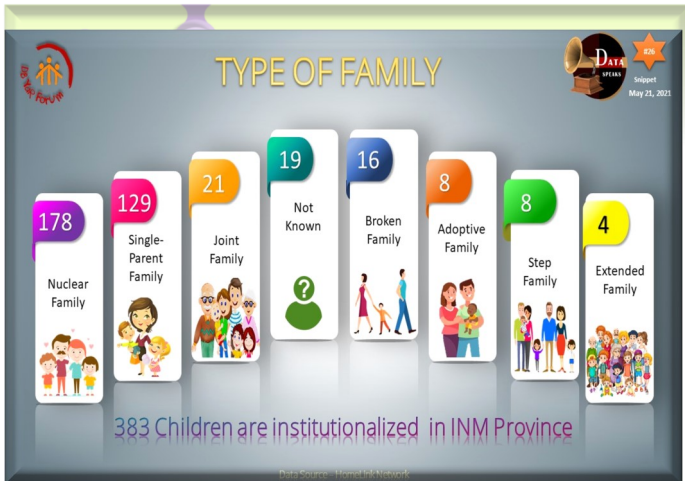
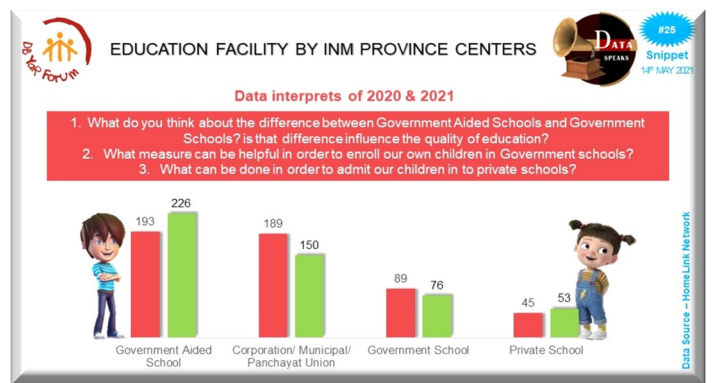
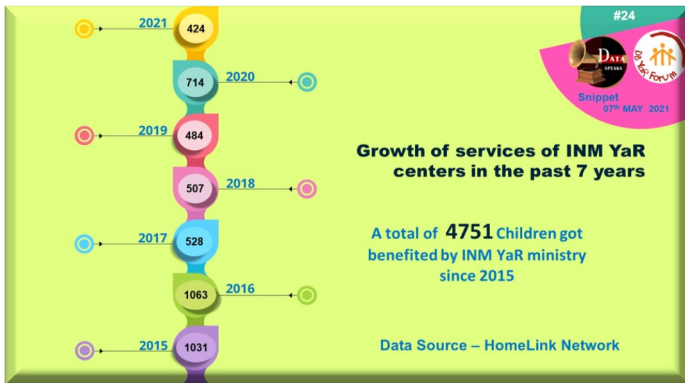


A very warm invite to **Br. Alex** the Hostel Warden appoint and **Br. Johnson** the new mentor to our family. We indeed cherish your appointment and rejoice by your presence. May you both have a wonderful tenure ahead.

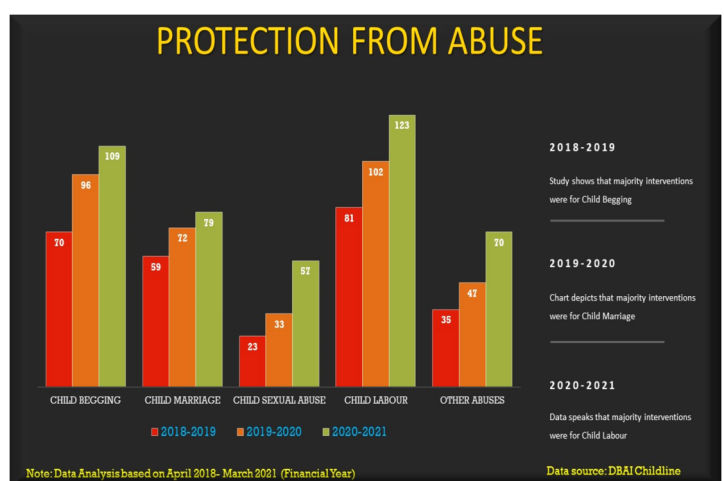


Special word of gratitude to **Fr. Palli & Mr. Joshuva, BOSCO Bangalore**, for their timely support & coordination in restoring child with his family. This is a momentary & Himalayan hands-on.

Snippets of INM Hub May - June 2021



Snippets of DBAI Node



An overview

DBAI Covid - 19 Response 10th May - 7th June 2021



Support of ZOHO Corporation Pvt. Ltd

Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai ensured care and support to many of pandemic hit families, homeless, migrants, old aged and differently-abled. During the crises, management with the support of ZOHO Corporation Pvt.Ltd went down to feed the needy every day. A team of committed staff and volunteers were engaged in distribution of protein added meal every day in and around the slums of North and South Chennai slums, railway stations, bus stops and pavements.



35,400
BENEFICIARIES



DBAI Covid - 19 Response May 15th - 7th June 2021

Support of CAKE SQUARE - Guindy

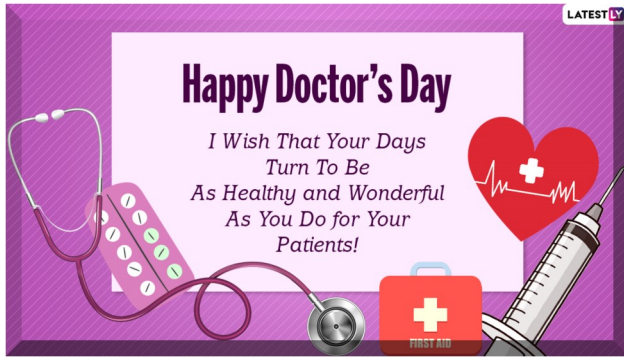
Don Bosco Anbu Illam in support of Cake Square, Guindy was involved in the mission of feeding the hunger during Covid second wave lockdown in the month of May and June. A team of committed staff and volunteers were engaged in distribution of 885 bread packets every alternative days in and around the slums of North and South Chennai, railway stations, bus stops pavements and migrants.

1,770
BENEFICIARIES

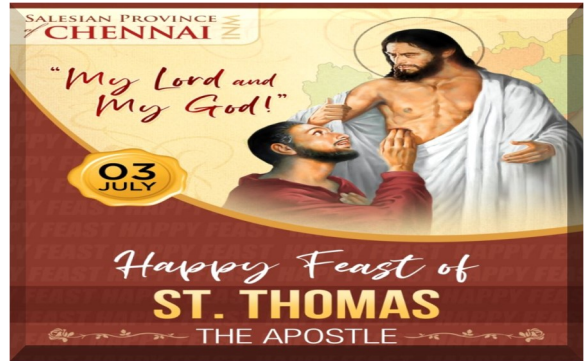


Upcoming Events

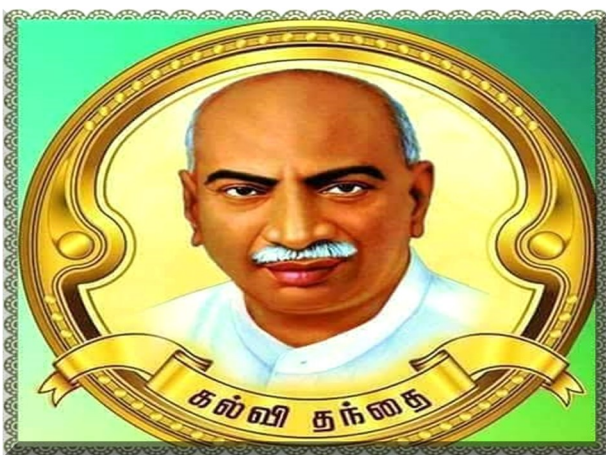
1st July - Doctor's Day



3rd July—INM Province Feast



15th July - Kamarajar Birthday



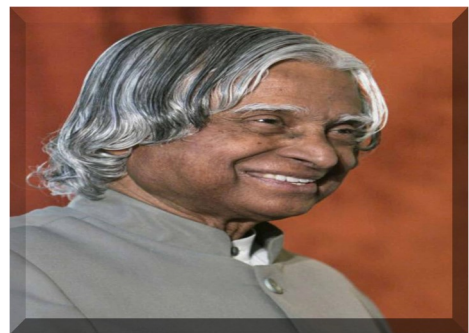
18th July - Birthday of Fr. James Raj



26th July—Kargil Vijai Diwas



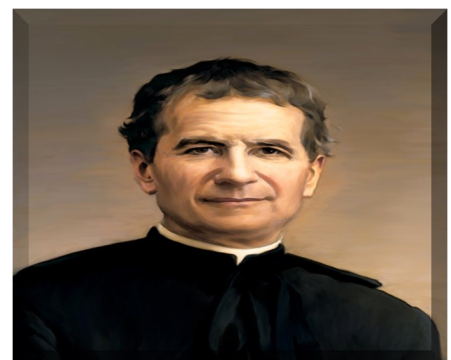
27th July - Dr. Kalam Memorial



21st July—Happy Bakrid



16th August - Birthday of St. John Bosco



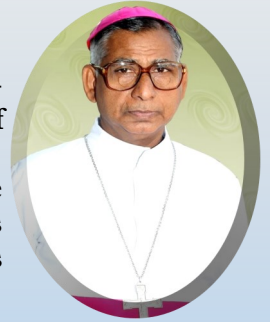
It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory

1 Corinthians 15:42

Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society mourns the demise of His Excellency Most Rt. **Rev. Dr. Antony Anandarayar** (75), Archbishop Emeritus of Pondicherry - Cuddalore Archdiocese on 4th May 2021.

He had served in various high portfolio of the Archdiocese. He was also the Chairman for the CCBI Commission for Canon Law and other Legislative Texts from 2006 to 2015. He was a successful priest for half century with 24 years in Episcopal Ministry.

may his soul rest in eternal peace of Risen Lord!



A righteous man will be remembered forever—
Psalm 112:6

On behalf of the management and staff, prayerful homage was offered in remembrance of

Fr. Stanislaus Lourduwamy, SJ profoundly known Jesuit Priest today at the Head Office.

His service towards upliftment of people was recalled during the fellowship.

Rev. Fr. James Raj, blessed the portrait and Rev. Br. Kulandai Yesu brought hopeful message.



We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

- 2 Corinthians 5:8

With grief and sorrow Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society express its condolences to the death of **Rev. Fr. Antonymsamy Soosairathnam, sdb** today at the age of 62. He was a practicing lawyer at Madras High Court and served as a mentor with our organization in 2011.

may his soul rest in eternal peace of Risen Lord



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